

THE OUTLET

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Take control of your energy use this winter

As colder temperatures set in, it's important to be prepared for the winter season. These tips will help you keep costs down and energy efficiency up:

- **Close off unused rooms.** Close doors and shut vents in areas you rarely use to help direct heat to occupied spaces within the house.
- **Re-evaluate your home's temperature.** Reduce your thermostat setting 7 to 10 degrees for eight hours each day to save up to 10% on your monthly heating costs.
- **Seal air leaks throughout your home.** Leaks often occur near pipes, outlets, dryer vents, windows, door and floor trim. Leaks can also occur in unfinished areas. Seal leaks with caulk, weather-stripping or spray-foam sealant designed specifically for windows and doors. You can also use clear plastic film and double-sided tape to cover windows. Insulated drapes and cellular shades help block drafts.
- **Have your heating system serviced.** Regular maintenance helps it operate efficiently. Change the furnace filter as recommended.
- **Reduce heat loss through your fireplace.** Keep the damper closed when there's no fire. A heat-air exchange system and tempered glass doors can more effectively warm the room. Plug and seal the chimney flue if you don't use your fireplace.
- **Take advantage of sunny days.** Open curtains and blinds on south-facing windows to naturally heat your home. Close them at night to block out the cold.
- **Consider a smart or programmable thermostat.** Most models can reduce heating and cooling use by an estimated 10% to 30%, and often pay for themselves within one to three years.
- **Staggering appliance use is smart year-round.** Devices consume steady power and can be easily



overlooked. Consider your energy habits for heating, cooking, lighting and entertainment to avoid accidentally running multiple appliances at once.

- **Keep the temperature of the water heater at the warm setting (120°F).** A lower temperature can reduce your water heating costs.

Get a detailed look at your past and current power use through the My Usage features on SmartHub, CORE's account management platform. Learn how at www.CORE.coop > **My Account** > **My Usage**.

For more tips on how you can be energy-efficient, visit www.CORE.coop > **News and Resources** > **Energy Efficiency**.

CORE in the community



CORE Electric Cooperative maintains an employee volunteer program that supports communities in our service area.

Our volunteer program allows CORE employees to spend a workday volunteering at a local nonprofit or charity organization and supports activities that enhance and serve the communities in which we live and work.

For more information on this program or to inquire about volunteers for your local non-profit, visit www.CORE.coop > **My Community > CORE Commitments.**



Join CORE in giving back

As part of our mission to improve lives and communities through choice and innovation, CORE partners with local programs, businesses and organizations throughout the year to support members in our service area.

Now you can join with CORE to make a big impact in your community. CORE has worked with Colorado Gives so our members can make a difference for those struggling with economic hardship this holiday season.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those in need.

Visit www.CORE.coop/core-gives, or scan the QR code below to make a donation.



Annual meeting set for April 25, 2026

The annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026, at CORE headquarters, 5496 N. U.S. Highway 85, Sedalia, CO 80135.

The meeting will include:

1. The presentation of reports covering the previous fiscal year.
2. All other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Please note: Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.